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91066

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others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(* * * * * C L O S E D C I R C U I T A D V I S O R Y * * * * *)
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(* The following is an important closed circuit advisory. *)
(* Attention all bulletin stations. Newsline is once again on the *)
(* verge of bankruptcy and existing hand to mouth. We urgently *)
(* need your support to survive. *)
(* As we have said many times, the decision whether Newsline *)
(* stays or goes is yours. If you want this service to continue, *)
(* we will need your ongoing financial support, and it is needed *)
(* right now. *)
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(* The address for the Newsline Support Fund is: *)
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(* NEWSLINE SUPPORT FUND *)
(* P.O.Box 660937 *)
(* Arcadia, California *)
(* 91066 *)
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(* This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number 966 *)
(* for release on Friday, February 16th, 1996 to follow. *)
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The following is a QST

The FCC meets to talk future spectrum needs, threats to a new ham band are diverted and guess who's going to Spacecamp. Find out on Newsline report number 966 coming your way right now!

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SPECTRUM HEARING DATE SET

The FCC has set March 5th as the new date of its hearing on spectrum policy and management. The original hearing date was January 31st. It had to be rescheduled because of the Federal furloughs triggered by the congressional budget deadlock and heavy snow which extended the shutdown. At the hearing, the FCC will hear oral presentations and will allow a direct exchange of viewpoints between individuals and representatives of affected industries. The commission will select panelists from among those who have submitted letters of interest. They will address future spectrum demand and user needs, trends in technology, and approaches to spectrum allocation and assignment, including licensing and uses.

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EXPAND PRB-1 REQUEST FILED

PRB-1 could be expanded to further protect the rights of radio amateurs to erect towers and install antennas. This, if the American Radio Relay League gets its way. The League wants the commission to take additional steps to compel state and local governments to make reasonable accommodation for Amateur Radio under PRB-1 and apply the least restrictive means to regulate amateur antennas and activity.

In a petition for rulemaking filed February 7, the league calls on the FCC to amend Section 97.15(E) to say that any state or local ordinances restricting ham radio antennas to heights below 70 feet would be presumed unreasonable, unless the state or local authority could show its restrictions support a clearly defined health, safety or aesthetic objective. State and local governments also could not impose substantial application costs on amateur service licensees.

The league also wants the FCC to acknowledge that it has an

interest in the effective performance of amateur radio stations in areas regulated by deed restrictions or restrictive covenants rather than by local zoning ordinances.

The league says clarifying the preemption policy of PRB-1 will help guide municipalities to enact provisions that make fair accommodation for amateurs and avoid highly divisive litigation between hams and localities.

Under the suggested changes, state and local governments could apply to the commission for a full or partial waiver of the amended rules in unusual circumstances. At air time, the FCC has not assigned a rulemaking number to the League petition.

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VANITY CALL SIGN PROGRAM STALLED

Meantime the FCC says that it will probably not start up the vanity call sign program in the foreseeable future. Newsline has learned that the FCC will delay until at least mid-1996 announcing the date when it plans to open the first gate or gates of the program. A Commission spokesman says the FCC must first deal with remaining Petitions for Reconsideration asking for numerous changes in the way vanity calls will be issued. The FCC had been expected to announce opening dates early this year. Now it could take up to a year or more before the current crop of petitions for reconsideration are addressed.

Ironically vanity call sign application 610-V is now available, but the FCC says that it will not accept completed forms until it opens the appropriate filing gates. That could be many months, or possibly years away.

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FCC SAYS YES TO HAMS ON 219-220 MHZ

The FCC has affirmed the secondary allocation of 219-220 MHZ to Amateur Radio. The action also denies a Petition for Reconsideration filed by Orion Telecom, an Automated Maritime Telecommunications System licensee.

Orion had argued for the FCC to rescind the decision to allocate 219-220 MHZ to ham radio. It says the 50-mile exclusion distance between AMTS and amateur operations was insufficient to protect primary AMTS operations from harmful interference. Orion asserted that a 575 mile exclusion distance was necessary. This would have precluded Amateur Radio operation in many areas.

The FCC did however agree with Orion's concern that the amateur rules do not adequately specify the frequency range of AMTS operations. It went so far as to amend its rules to specifically call attention to the fact that hams must look at 217-218 MHZ assignments to know what AMTS coast stations are operating in a given

area.

But what it did not do was what Orion Telecom wanted. Orion may object to sharing with radio amateurs, but ham radio will stay.

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FCC TAKES UNLICENSED FM STATION OFF THE AIR

A New York City FCC Field Engineer has successfully removed an unlicensed broadcaster from the airwaves. FCC Engineer Jud Mansbach used what appears to be a combination transmitter hunting know-how and personal diplomacy to put an end to a station called Nasty Radio.

According to the trade publication Radio World, Nasty Radio first came to the FCC's attention last September as the result of a citizens complaint. The complaint was that a station operating on 91.9 MHz was transmitting offensive material. Engineer Mansbach took a listen and found that the disk jockeys at the unlicensed station were using sexual innuendoes and making rude noises. They were also doing something that was not all that smart. They were giving out a request line call in number with a 718 area code prefix. That meant the station was in Brooklyn or Queens and making Mansbach's job a lot easier in tracking it down.

And track it down he did. Using the FCC's radio direction finding van it took him only fifteen minutes to arrive in front of an apartment house in Woodside Queens that sported a large mast on the roof. And it was at this point where Engineer Mansbach got a rather brilliant idea.

Since he was taping Nasty Radio in the van, Mansbach decided to call the request line to see what kind of a response he would get if he asked the DJ if he knew the operation was illegal. The announcers allowed that their operation might well be illegal, but added that they assumed the FCC really didn't care.

"They usually give phone numbers on the air, which are request lines. When they gave that number on the air I decided to call them. But the reason for calling them was not to make a request, but to actually prove intent. When I spoke to the guy he said that he knew that what he was doing was illegal. He also indicated that the FCC doesn't care. Which was nice, nice to know. Which isn't true of course, not in the New York area or anywhere in the country. But, when he said that I know what I am doing is wrong, a violation of FCC law, I can go criminal against this guy if I need to, because I proved intent, that he knew what he was doing was a violation of the law and he never the less said he wanted to violate the law." Mansbach

With that information, coupled with field strength measurements indicating that Nasty Radio was running at least 100 watts of power, Mansbach headed back to the office and quickly penned a cease and desist order. Nasty Radio went silent in mid December and has not

been heard since. And while its true that Mansbach had more severe enforcement options available to him, he told Radio World that his primary interest was in getting compliance with the rules and getting the unlicensed broadcaster off the air.

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ARIZONA HAM HELP

A Payson, Arizona teacher is being called a hero for providing aid to an injured motorist using Amateur Radio. As students were leaving school on Wednesday, January 17th, Roger Rohrbach, KB7IPU, heard a call for help coming over the classroom ham radio station. According to the ARRL Letter, the call came a ham who was an accident victim trapped in his vehicle in a sandstorm. He told Rohrbach that visibility was near to zero. The man wanted Rohrbach to call his wife and warn her away from the scene.

Rohrbach called the police 911 emergency number which dispatched emergency service rescue teams to the site of the twenty five car pile-up on Interstate 10.

Rohrbach, who is a fifth grade teacher at Payson Elementary School was said to be reluctant to accept praise for his actions.

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NORTHWEST FLOODS

When major flooding hit the Pacific Northwest last week, ham radio was there to provide support for relief operations. Hard hit were Western Washington and Oregon where several rivers over-ran their banks causing massive destruction. More on this situation in future newscasts.

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FAR OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HAMS

The Foundation for Amateur Radio says that it plans to administer 57 scholarships for the 1996-97 academic year. This, to help licensed radio amateurs with their post-secondary education.

Eight of the scholarships are fully funded with income from grants and the foundation's annual hamfest in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Licensed hams are eligible if they plan to pursue a full-time course of study beyond high school and are enrolled or have been accepted at an accredited university, college or technical school.

Awards range from \$500 to \$2000, with preference given in some cases to those pursuing certain courses of study or to residents of specific geographical areas.

Application forms and information are available by letter or QSL postmarked prior to April 30th mailed to:

FAR Scholarships
6903 Rhode Island Ave.
College Park, Maryland
20740

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YOUNG HAMS NEEDED FOR DAYTON YOUTH FORUM

And speaking about youngsters and ham radio, if you are a young ham who is planning to attend next May's Dayton Hamvention, then Carole Perry, WB2MGP, wants to hear from you. Carole is the New York City teacher who hosts the annual Hamvention Youth Forum and she needs articulate young hams to come and speak:

"What we are looking for are youngsters who would like to get up in front of what we hope is going to be a large group of their peers and adults who have come to hear what they have to say. Who are willing to speak about and share their experiences in amateur radio. Describe what they have been involved with. And hopefully, youngsters who are enthusiastic and can convince others teenagers why this is a worthwhile endeavor for them." Perry

With her forum expanded to two and a half hours, there will be lots of time for a lot of young hams to talk. If you want to be one of them, contact Carole Perry by phone or fax:

(718) 983-1416

This number is available 24 hours a day.

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KANTRONICS ON THE WEB

In ham radio industry news, Kantronics now has an e-mail account for customers to get technical support and service. Questions go to:

service@kantronics.com

The company says that representatives will respond via e-mail. By the way, Kantronics now includes the RF Concepts line of products as well.

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APPLE SPLITS FROM IBM

Apple and IBM are shutting the doors on their Kaleida Labs. Kaleida was multimedia venture and its demise spells the end to a symbol of their effort to work together.

Kaleida's core products, including their multimedia software programming language will be transferred to a development team within Apple, to be based at Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, California.

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NEBRASKA CONVENTION

The 1996 ARRL Nebraska State Amateur Radio Convention, sponsored by the Elkhorn Valley Amateur Radio Club will held March 8th to the 10th at the Northeast Community College in Norfolk. For more information you can e-mail to:

davidn0xbn@aol.com

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GB2RS

Almost every week, Newsline finds itself quoting the GB2RS News service as a source of information from Great Britain and the European continent. A number of listeners have asked to learn more about this service, so this is what you want to know.

GB2RS is the news broadcast service of the Radio Society of Great Britain and is provided for the benefit of all radio amateurs and listeners. Unlike Newsline, the GB2RS newscast is not pre-recorded. The script is prepared each week at RSGB headquarters. It is then transmitted live each Sunday by a network of volunteer news readers on the HF, VHF and UHF bands, covering the whole of the United Kingdom and into other parts of the world as well.

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IEEE MEETING

And from GB2RS comes word that the Institute of Electrical Engineers hosted an international conference on 100 Years of Radio at Savoy Place in London at the beginning of September. The opening of this three day event was graced by the presence of Princess Elettra Marconi. Several hundred leading personnel from the electronics field gathered for this unique conference, which included a series of 30 papers on the present state of the art, including some related to amateur radio.

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DX

In DX, PA3GBQ, is now active from Ghana as 9G5BQ on all bands. Check around 3515 kHz around 0240 zulu and 7010 kHz around 01:15 zulu. The length of his stay is unknown at this time. QSL via his homecall.

Also, PY5CC says he will be on Fernando de Noronha Island for about a week starting on the 27th of March and on 6 meters. His call sign will be PY0FM. QSL to his home call via the bureau.

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NEWSLINE 1000

Mark Friday October 4th on your calender. That's the day that we here at Newsline will release our 1000th newscast.

Yes, we did say our 1000th newscast and we want your ideas on how to celebrate nineteen and a quarter years of bringing you news and information about ham radio. If you have a suggestion please mail it to us at:

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billwa6itf@aol.com

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YHOTY WINNER TO SPACECAMP

And finally, the youngster selected as the 1996 Young Ham of the Year will almost get to fly in space! This, with the announcement that CQ Magazine will treat this years winner to a week at Spacecamp. Rich Moseson, NW2L is the editor of CQ VHF Magazine and a spokesman for the company:

"As an extension of our co-sponsorship of the Young Ham of the Year Award as we enter our second year of the program we're going to provide the winner this year with a one week paid visit to Spacecamp."
Moseson

In addition to Spacecamp, the 1996 Young Ham of The Year will be treated to an expense paid trip to next August's Huntsville Hamfest. There, he or she will receive a gift of a commemorative plaque and a piece of ham gear. The trip and the radio equipment is courtesy of Yaesu USA Corporation. The plaque is from us here at Newsline. According to Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF who administers the award, its a giant step forward for the youth of ham radio:

"We began almost eleven years ago with a very simple idea. We wanted to honor young hams of their accomplishments the same way that grownup hams are praised for theirs. And we started with nothing more than an idea and a plaque. Yaesu made it possible for the winner to

be presented the award at a ham convention banquet. And they added a gift of their own. Now CQ and especially Dick Ross, K2MGA, over at CQ is adding another gift. The gift of a week at Spacecamp as a fun and educational experience. Who knows where that will take this years winner in his of her career in years to come." Pasternak

CQ's Rich Moseson agrees:

"For a kid who may be considering a career in technology. Wether or not it is space technology, I don't think there isn't anything that can compare with the experience that they will have in the week at Spacecamp. It's, from everything I've seen and heard about that place, it's just a wonderful experience for everyone who goes through it." Moseson

The Young Ham of the Year Award program, now entering its second decade, is presented annually to a United States licensed Radio Amateur who is 18 years of age or younger. A ham who has provided outstanding service to the nation, the community or the betterment of the state of the art in communications through the Amateur Radio hobby service.

All nominations must be submitted before June 30, 1996 on an official application. Application forms are available by sending a self addressed stamped envelope mailed to the:

1996 Young Ham of the Year Award
c/o Newsline
28197 Robin Avenue
Saugus, California
91350

Forms are also available for electronic download from several sites that provide Newsline materials over the World Wide Web and from the general interest ham radio files area on America Online.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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